GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 18.04 ha of forest land in Kurnool and Nandyal divisions (2.70 ha in Compartment No.123, Gani RF, Somayajulapalli Beat & Section, Kurnool Range, Kurnool division and 15.34 ha. in Compartment Nos.140 & 143, Panyam RF, Konidedu Beat, Panyam Section and Compartment Nos.145 B & 145 C, Panyam RF, Bugganapalli Beat, Bethamcherla Section, Panyam Range, Nandyal division), in favour of General Manager, M/s A.M Green Energy Private Limited, Hyderabad for construction of 400 KV Transmission line part of 1000 MW Renewable Energy Projects (700 MW Solar & 300 MW Wind) – Final (Stage-II) approval accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 53 **Dated: 20-12-2024**
Read the following:

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15035/8/2022-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 26.02.2024.
2) Govt Lr.No. 479/Section-II/2024/2368461, dated 15.03.2024,
3) From the AIGF(Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of RO, Chennai, Online Proposal No.FP/AP/TRANS/418423/2023, dated 03.07.2024,
4) From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15035/8/2022-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA, dated 16.11.2024,
5) Govt letter No.479/Sec.II/2024/2368461, dated 30.11.2024,
6) From the GoI, MoEF&CC, online proposal No.FP/AP/TRANS/418423, dated 09.12.2024.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal seeking prior approval from the Central Government under section 2 (1) of the Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for "diversion of 18.04 ha of forest land in Kurnool and Nandyal divisions (2.70 ha in Compartment No.123, Gani RF, Somayajulapalli Beat & Section, Kurnool Range, Kurnool division and 15.34 ha. in Compartment Nos.140 & 143, Panyam RF, Konidedu Beat, Panyam Section and Compartment Nos.145 B & 145 C, Panyam RF, Bugganapalli Beat, Bethamcherla Section, Panyam Range, Nandyal division) in favour of General Manager, M/s A.M Green Energy Private Limited, Hyderabad for construction of 400 KV Transmission line part of 1000 MW Renewable Energy Projects (700 MW Solar & 300 MW Wind) and the same has been sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office of the Regional office (Chennai) at Vijayawada for its approval under section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in the reference 2nd read above.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office of the Regional office (Chennai) at Vijayawada have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the above proposal, subject to compliance of conditions stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, has furnished compliance report on the in-principle (Stage-I) approval conditions for onward submission to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office of the Regional Office (Chennai) at Vijayawada for according final approval to the proposal in the letter 5th read above.

4. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office of the Regional Office (Chennai) at Vijayawada, have accorded final approval under section '2(1)' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for "diversion of 18.04 ha of forest land in Kurnool and Nandyal divisions (2.70 ha in Compartment No.123, Gani RF, Somayajulapalli Beat & Section, Kurnool Range, Kurnool division and 15.34 ha. in Compartment Nos.140 & 143, Panyam RF, Konidedu Beat, Panyam Section and Compartment Nos.145 B & 145 C, Panyam RF, Bugganapalli Beat, Bethamcherla Section, Panyam Range, Nandyal division) in favour of General Manager, M/s A.M Green Energy Private Limited, Hyderabad for construction of 400 KV Transmission line part of 1000 MW Renewable Energy Projects (700 MW Solar & 300 MW Wind) subject to the fulfillment of conditions stipulated therein.

5. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, under Section '2(1)' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the "diversion of 18.04 ha of forest land in Kurnool and Nandyal divisions (2.70 ha in Compartment No.123, Gani RF, Somayajulapalli Beat & Section, Kurnool Range, Kurnool division and 15.34 ha. in Compartment Nos.140 & 143, Panyam RF, Konidedu Beat, Panyam Section and Compartment Nos.145 B & 145 C, Panyam RF, Bugganapalli Beat, Bethamcherla Section, Panyam Range, Nandyal division), in favour of General Manager, M/s A.M Green Energy Private Limited, Hyderabad for construction of 400 KV Transmission line part of 1000 MW Renewable Energy Projects (700 MW Solar & 300 MW Wind)", subject to the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

S.No.	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
1.2	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.3	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.4	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
1.5	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **18.04 ha.**
1.6	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
1.7	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
1.8	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
1.9	The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
1.10	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
1.11	Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
1.12	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
1.13	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year.
1.14	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

1.15	The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the rules/guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly with.
1.16	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
1.17	Violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules.
2. Standard Conditions	
2.1	Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to 46 m;
2.2	The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals;
2.3	To minimize the felling for construction of transmission line, user agency shall with the following guidelines: (a) Below each conductor, width clearance of 3-5 mts. would be permitted for carrying the tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips may be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up; (b)One outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line; (c)In the remaining width the right of way felling/pollarding/pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance, trees shall be allowed to be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining the minimum 5.5-7 meter clearance between conductors and trees. The sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance mentioned as above; (d)User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line, and provide funds for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department; and (e)In case a portion of the transmission lines to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;
3. Specific conditions	
3.1	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency.
3.2	The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain the Compensatory Afforestation over an extent of 36.08 ha (out of 42.65 ha) of degraded forest land identified in Compartment No.40 & 41 of Kotekal RF, Kotekal Beat, Adoni Range, Kurnool. The State Forest Department shall also raise and maintain additional Compensatory Afforestation over an extent 15.35 ha of degraded forest land identified in Compartment No.113 & 115, Gani RF, Gani Beat, Bethacherla Section, Panyam Range, Nandyal in lieu of raising dwarf species as the forest area to be diverted in Nandyal Division is not suitable for raising dwarf species below the transmission line. The work of Compensatory Afforestation shall be started as per the timeline prescribed in Rule 14(2) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
3.3	The state Forest Department shall raise and maintain dwarf species under the RoW of the transmission line in Kurnool Division as per the scheme prepared by State Forest Department.
3.4	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist.,

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Government of India,
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Vijayawada-520010

The General Manager,
M/s A.M Green Energy Private Limited, Hyderabad

SF/SC (2368461)

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER